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(54) Title: EXPANDABLE VINYLAROMATIC POLYMERS AND PROCESS FOR THEIR PREPARATION

(57) Abstract: Expandable vinylaromatic polymers which comprise: a) a matrix obtained by polymerizing 50-100 % by weight of one or more vinylaromatic monomers and 0-50 % by weight of a copolymerizable monomer; b) 1-10 % by weight, calculated with respect to the polymer (a) of an expanding agent englobed in the polymeric matrix; c) 0.01-20 % by weight, calculated with respect to the polymer (a) of carbon black distributed in the polymeric matrix having an average diameter ranging from 30 to 2000 nm, a surface area ranging from 5 to 40 m<sup>2</sup>/g, a sulfur content ranging from 0.1 to 2000 ppm and an ash content ranging from 0.001 to 1 %.